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1. ENTIRE LEADERSHIP INCLUDING KUNAYEV ATTENDED JULY 26 CLOSING DAY OF SUPREME SOVIET SESSION. REMARKS (REFTEL) ON KUNAYEV'S HEALTH NOW INOPERATIVE.

2. KOSYGIN SUBMITTED NEW GOVERNMENT AT PM SESSION. BIG SURPRISE WAS RETENTION OF FURTSEVA AS MINISTER OF CULTURE; SHE IS ONLY MINISTER WITHOUT DEPUTY STATUS. LONG VACANT CHAIRMANSHIP OF PEOPLE'S CONTROL COMMITTEE NOW FILLED BY A.M. SHKOL'NIKOV, CURRENTLY FIRST DEPUTY PREMIER OF RSFSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. KOSYGIN SAID VACANCIES WOULD BE FILLED LATER FOR CHAIRMEN OF STATE COMMITTEE FOR PRICES AND FOR LABOR AND WAGES. FORMER INCUMBENTS, SITNIN AND VOLKOV WERE NOT RE-ELECTED AS DEPUTIES ON JUNE 16. ALL OTHER POSTS ARE RETAINED BY INCUMBENTS.

3. SIX NEW NAMES APPEARED ON THE PRESIDUM OF THE SUPREME SOVIET AS REPLACEMENTS FOR DEATHS, TRANSFER, OR THE DROPPING

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OF BLUE-RIBBON WORKERS. VALENTINA NIKOLAYEVA-TERESHKOVA, SOLE

FEMALE COSMONAUT, JOINS THE PRESIDIUM TO PROVIDE SOME SOVIET GLAMOR. I.I. ARTOBOLVSKIY REPLACES THE LATE I.G. PETROVSKIY, A.V. GITALOV REPLACES TRANSFERRED FELLOW AGRICULTURALIST V.M. KAVUN. N.A. ZLOBIN AND N.A. NOVOSELOVA REPLACE WORKERS BOL'SHUKIN AND ORLOVA. EMBASSY LACKS INFORMATION ON G.N. SMIRNOV.

4. OVERALL OBSERVATION ON SUPREME SOVIET SESSION AS ALSO ON CPSU PLENUM OF JULY 24 IS THAT STANDPATISM REIGNS INTERNALLY. DESPITE BACKGROUND DISCUSSIONS OF DESIRABLE CHANGES IN ECONOMIC ADMINISTRATION, THIS REGIME IS UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO MARCH IN NEW DIRECTIONS, AND THIS IS REFLECTED IN LACK OF HIGH-LEVEL PERSONNEL CHANGES.
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